

VERMONT NEWS.

Bank Wreckers on Trial.

No session of the United States court has been anticipated with more interest in years than the October term, which began at Rutland Tuesday, with Judge Hoy Wheeler of Brattleboro presiding.

The principal reason for the unusual interest is the fact that the cases against Cashier David H. Lewis of the failed and defunct Farmers' National Bank of Vergennes, Lieutenant Governor Martin F. Allen of North Ferrisburgh, a director of the bank, and J. W. Ketchum, of Vergennes, who was clerk for Cashier Lewis, will surely come to trial.

The charge on which Lewis will be tried is that of embezzlement of the bank's funds, he having been arrested April 15, last, for that offense. The shortage was placed at the time of his arrest at \$73,000. Lewis is now at his home in Vergennes, having been released on \$25,000 bail.

Ex-Congressman H. Henry Powers of Morrisville will be counsel for Lewis at his coming trial.

Lieutenant Governor Allen and Mr. Ketchum will be tried upon indictments charging them with "aiding and abetting" Cashier Lewis in looting the Farmers' National bank. Both men are now at their respective homes at North Ferrisburgh and Vergennes, they having been released on bail in the amount of \$10,000 in each case.

The lieutenant-governor has engaged Attorneys Seneca Haseltine, of Burlington, and F. S. Platt, of Foulney, to defend him, while Mr. Ketchum has announced that his counsel will be P. W. Tuttle, of Vergennes, and a noted New York criminal lawyer.

Arrangements are that all three men will make hard fights to clear themselves of the charges against them. Lieut. Gov. Allen is, and always has been immensely popular in that section of the state and there are many people who believe he will be able to entirely prove his innocence.

State Teachers' Association.

The 52d annual meeting of the Vermont State Teachers' Association will be held in Burlington, Oct. 24-26. Of the speakers already engaged the following may be mentioned: Pres. G. C. Chase, of Bates College; Rev. W. J. Long, the naturalist and author of "Wilderness Ways"; "Ways of the World," of St. Albans; Hon. Henry T. Bailey, state supervisor of drawing for Massachusetts. The schools of Burlington will be in session all day Thursday and will be open to inspection by visiting members of the Association. On Thursday afternoon there will be a general high school and college conference on English and the college entrance requirements in English. The regular sessions of the Association will be held on Thursday evening, Friday morning and Saturday morning.

Friday afternoon will be given up to an excursion. Friday evening to the banquet under the charge of the Schoolmasters' Club. Later in the evening Pres. and Mrs. Buckham will give a reception in Billings Library.

Special attention is being given to the exhibits, including the large collections at the college. As the Association is now out of debt and on a good business basis, no expense is being spared to make the program as attractive and helpful as possible. The will undoubtedly be one of the largest educational meetings ever held in the state.

Would Have Changed Town's Name.

The old records of most every town are full of quaint phrases and proceedings that are almost laughable in these latter days, but they are almost unknown except to those whose business leads them to search the old records, says the Swanton Courier. Town Clerk Foster ran across a record recently that is unique. It is a warning for a town meeting to be held the first Tuesday in September, 1798. Article 3 reads as follows: "To see if the town will vote to petition to the general assembly of the state at their next session to be granted them the inestimable privilege of discarding the detestable name of Swanton and substituting in its place a more delectable name one that will be more unanimously satisfactory to the inhabitants of said town." The only reason that can be surmised for this rather surprising action is an excess of patriotism, Swanton having been named, it is supposed, for Captain Swanton, an officer in the British army.

Topham Doctor Under Bonds.

Dr. J. A. Dow, 30, a well-known physician of West Topham, is under bonds of \$2000, charged with obtaining insurance on goods which were not burned. The business part of West Topham village was burned last July. The fire started in Dr. Dow's barn late at night by the tipping over of a lantern which he was putting up his house. Dr. Dow received \$1000 from the Union Mutual Insurance Company of Montpelier. Of this amount \$500 was on books and medicines and \$500 on household goods. Recently a year leaked out that the books and medicines were not burned but had been concealed in a house owned by Dow in the back part of the town. After these were found both the insurance company and State's Attorney Conant of Bradford started investigations, and as a result Dow was put under bonds.

More Railroad Consolidations.

The stockholders of the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain railroad met at Ogdensburg Friday and voted unanimously for a consolidation with the various lines controlled by the Rutland railroad company, all but ten of the 44,000 shares voting. The lines affected are the Rutland Canadian, Rutland Railroad, the Bennington and Rutland, and the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain. The new company has been incorporated and the amalgamation went into effect Monday. The design in putting all branches under one management is to increase the efficiency of the lines and lessen operating expenses. The Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain road will actually pass out of existence but the company will retain its name until all indebtedness is liquidated.

Baptist State Convention.

At the Baptist state convention at Burlington Wednesday, the report of D. M. White of Rutland, treasurer, showed the past year's expenses to have been \$2300, leaving the present debt \$3300. The society re-elected its old board of officers, as follows: President, Rev. W. A. Kinzie; vice-president, Rev. Henry Crocker; secretary, treasurer and librarian, Prof. Edward Ellery; board of trustees, Gov. W. W. Stickney, J. J. Estey, D. M. White, A. B. Butterfield, F. Sherman, Rev. Gibbs Brainerd, Rev. J. G. Lorimer. The meeting closed Thursday noon. On that day the convention board held an open meeting at which various financial matters were discussed.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Yacht Races.

Failure of the wind that was bearing her along to certain victory was the only thing that prevented the yacht Columbia from defeating Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, the Shamrock, Thursday, in the first of the series of races to be sailed for the possession of the America's cup. After the first five miles of the thirty-mile course had been sailed, the defender was always in the lead, and she increased her advantage constantly, rounding the outer mark more than seven minutes before the challenger, and being about a mile and a quarter ahead of her when the unwelcome gun from the committee's boat announced the melancholy fact that the time limit of five and a half hours had expired, and that the contest had had ended without a decision. The Columbia was at that time nearly ten miles from the finish line.

On Saturday an extraordinary page in yachting history was written in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean above Sandy Hook when the Columbia defeated the Shamrock by the narrowest margin ever recorded in a cup race. It took the two boats over four hours and a half to cover the thirty nautical miles, fifteen to windward and fifteen to run before the wind, and at the end, the Columbia drew over the finish line only thirty-seven seconds ahead of her Irish rival. Boat for boat, the defender had beaten the challenger but a bit more than half a minute in thirty miles. The correct time is one minute and twenty seconds.

It is a reasonable estimate that this splendid contest will go down in yachting annals as the closest ever sailed for the possession of the trophy won more than half a century ago by the schooner America.

President McKinley's Will.

The last will and testament of the late President was presented for probate Friday. Following is the text of the document: Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C. I publish the following as my latest will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills:

To my beloved wife, Ida S. McKinley, I bequeath all of my real estate, wherever situated, and the income of any personal property of which I may be possessed at death, during her natural life. I make the following charge upon all of my property, both real and personal: To pay my mother during her life \$1,000 a year, and at her death said sum to be paid to my sister, Helen McKinley. If the income from property be insufficient to keep my wife in great comfort and pay the annuity above provided, then I direct that such of my property be sold, so as to make a sum adequate for both purposes. Whatever property remains at the death of my wife, I give to my brother and sisters, share and share alike. My chief concern is that my wife from my estate shall have all she requires for her comfort and pleasure, and that my mother shall be provided with whatever money she requires to make her old age comfortable and happy.

Witness my hand and seal, this 22d day of October, 1897, to my last will and testament, made at the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

G. B. Cortelyou and Charles Loeffler were the witnesses to the President's signature, and at the request of Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Cortelyou and Ex-Secretary of State Day have been appointed administrators.

It is given out on authority that the McKinley estate will total \$225,000 to \$250,000 including life insurance of \$67,000. Aside from the insurance, the estate consists of real estate in Canton and vicinity and of deposits in Washington banks.

Will Carry Australian Mail. It has been announced that as a result of the last time made by the trains carrying the mail over the country en route from Australia to London this mail will in the future go via the United States route instead of the Suez Canal. The mail was carried from San Francisco to New York over the Union Pacific, Burlington and New York Central, the Burlington running a special mail train from Council Bluffs to Chicago at a speed averaging over 50 miles an hour, including stops for fuel and water, and the time from Sydney to London was cut down seven days. The mail, consisting of 127 sacks, left Sydney, N. S. W., at 10 a. m., August 13, and was delivered to the London postoffice at 7 a. m., September 14. Importance attaches to the new departure in handling the British mail because it consists largely of documents intended for the British Parliament, which will hereafter pass across the western continent.

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We shall never do our duty to the support of the church until we have our hearts stirred by the love of God and his cause. This love is a grace or favor bestowed by the Spirit of God.

A man's self, given in consecration, renders his other gifts acceptable to God. The greatest wealth a man can possess is not his dollars, but his Christian liberality.

SELECTIONS.

How can I, Lord, withhold Life's brightest hour From thee; or gathered gloom, Or any power Why should I keep one precious thing from thee, When thou hast given thine own dear self for me?

God judges proportions. With God the question is: How much did you heart give? It is a second thing with him to ask: How much did your hand give? But he does expect the heart and the hand nobly to act together, the hand honestly expressing what the heart feels.

Xenophon tells us of Socrates, that when he sacrificed he feared not his offering would fail of acceptance in that he was poor; but, giving according to his ability, he doubted not, in the sight of the gods, he equaled those men whose gifts and sacrifices overspread the whole altar.

SUGGESTED HYMNS.

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